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Letter from Margaret Whitney Pratt, Arlington, Vermont, to Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1900 September 17

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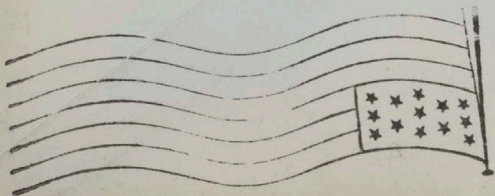
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Miss Anne Whitney.
Shelburne.
New Hampshire.



wait, and have him help
me shut up the house, but
if he finds he cannot leave
I expect to hurry up matters
and get off Thursday or Friday.

Our apartment is in a
shabby condition and I am
anxious to get home and
get through with the remova-
ting and setting. George writes
they expect to begin digging for
the new parish building this
week. I trust some ^{more good} fortune
will come to us and that
the funds may be forth-
coming to continue the work.

I have just had a
most enjoyable visit from

Sept-17th 1900.

MB

Villa Margherita,
Arlington, Vermont.

Dear Aunt Anne.

Are you still
on the heights? In looking
over some old photographs last
evening I came across the
Sulburne view and after
studying it some time, felt
as if I had been with you
for a call - at least in spirit.
After a long stretch of summer
beginning with my advent here
the last of May, we have at last
come to the chilly and cloudy
September days, with every
prospect of a long storm.

As I look back it is like many
summers - in so many sections
with the coming and going
of friends. The only way to
overcome the sense of loneli-
ness and strangeness about
the house with the constant
oppression of mother's absence
was to fill the vacant places
and make good cheer for
the friends that accepted
my hospitality - and so I
have kept busy week after
week. George was a grateful
and happy man even when
wretched, to think we had
such a refuge from the
heat dirt and noise of the
city - as our cottage in lovely

Wilmington. Perhaps he wrote
you (I'm sure he did) of his
attack of jaundice. He was
the color of an ox-eyed daisy
and matched all the appoint-
ments of the "Villa Margherita"
which itself is painted a golden
shade, with white and green
trimmings - in sooth a daisy
cottage. He stood here three
weeks and went back quite
bleached out, and greatly
improved. I could have wish-
ed he might have remained
one week more for he had
to endure another hot wave
on his arrival that was
rather weakening. If he can
come up this week I shall

and giving up childish things.

Frank & Hollie had gone to Los Angeles for a few days.

Frank bought a lot, near where they live and is building a small house, to rent furnished (as an investment). Certain kind of cottages rent well during the season. Hollie wrote me, Miss Porter was not very enthusiastic over Santa Barbara - she wondered how mother could ever have tried it so many times. Perhaps she did not take into consideration that a son might prove quite a magnet. I have been for a good walk this cloudy morning and now the sun is coming out - but oh we do need rainy days of it! My loving greetings to Mrs Manning - and fond love

MB

Villa Margherita,
Arlington, Vermont.

Florie, she left me Friday morning after a two weeks visit - as George was here most of her visit, and feeling quite like himself, we had a great deal of hilarity for Florie is a host in herself.

Minnie and family are absorbed now in the preparations for Edith's wedding, which is at hand. She is to be married on the first day of November, at the "Church of the Transfiguration" at four o'clock. I think her family are all well pleased

With the prospective brother
and son-in-law. Mr Batterman
is quiet retiring young man
but manly and of good busi-
ness ability. Edith expects to
live at his home on Clinton
Ave. for the winter at least
- and later the young people
hope to set up their own estab-
lishment. All the family are
well except Marion, who is
fighting a bronchial cold. They
remain here until the 1st of
October.

George enclosed a note
from Aunt Carrie (to him)
in his morning letter - re-
porting all well there - ex-
cept their invalid visitor

Cousin Mary Snell - also
speaks of Mr Stowe's arrival
from his trip abroad. I wish
I might have had a visit from
her this season. The nearest
I came to Belmont, was to
get Mary Home here for ten
days, and we re-lived half
a century and talked over the
mutual joys and sorrows of
all those years.

My latest news from the
Santa Barbarians came through
Louise, who wrote to thank
me for my remembrance on
her Sweet-Sixteenth birth-day.

I cannot believe that Frank's
little girl is entering on the
trails of young womanhood